

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is any general practice like that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Government taken any pains to collect the information about the establishment from neighbouring States?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They did not enquire about the practice in other States.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do the Government know that this is the practice in Mysore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government are not aware.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government any objection to collect information from the neighbouring States with regard to the establishment of the staff?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no necessity to make reference to the neighbouring States.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not an enquiry desirable?

President.—That is no supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How can some information of British parts be given without knowing what the circumstances are?

President.—That is not a question for information.

Seniority among District Superintendents of Police.

174. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state who is the Senior District Superintendent of Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The two District Superintendents of Police were confirmed as such on the same date. The question of seniority does not arise for consideration now.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government postponed determining seniority to favour somebody they like?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On a point of order, Sir, I have to bring to the notice of this House that the President is restricting the power given to the members for asking supplementary questions.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, am I to understand that this aspect of seniority was not developed when the confirmations were made?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether there was a proposal for equalisation of pay of these officers when they

were confirmed?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether there was a proposal to confirm one of these officers before the other is confirmed?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not exactly remember. I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What is the difference in pay due to, when they were confirmed on the same day?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Only a matter of 10 rupees. It is because one of the officers was acting as the Jail Superintendent. In that capacity he was drawing higher pay. So when he was taken on the grade of the District Superintendent of Police he was entitled to an increment.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—For how many months or years did Mr. Mannadiar draw higher pay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Is there much difference between S. P. T. and permanent?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Of course there is some difference.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a rule in the matter of considering seniority to take into account the date of confirmation?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I think that would be one of the points to be considered in settling seniority.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether we have got any set of rules concerning seniority?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Where?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—C. S. R.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know in which particular section?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not laid down in the C. S. R. that an officer drawing higher pay claims seniority?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They are rules existing in the Standing Orders.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are the Standing Orders followed by the Government?

President.—That general question does not arise as a supplementary question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, Sir, whether S. P. T. foreign service will be taken into consideration in determining seniority?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—If it is in the same grade of pay service in a foreign department will be counted. There is no difference between S. P. T. permanent or officiating now.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know from which date?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—From Mithunam 1107.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, Sir, whether the same thing is followed in the case of the present Government Advocate also?

President.—That does not arise here.

Presentation of King Emperor's Police Medal to Travancore Police.

175. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state if they are aware that King Emperor's Police Medals were presented to two members of the Travancore Police Force recently for conspicuous acts of gallantry?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Presentation of Medals to the Cochin Police—offer for.

176. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state if there was any proposal or offer from the British Indian Government for presentation of such medals to deserving members of the Cochin Police Force?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Cochin Police—acts of gallantry of.

177. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what action was taken by the Government in the matter to secure such recognition for the members of the Cochin Police;

(2) were no acts of gallantry performed by any member of the Cochin Police deserving of such recognition;

(3) what was the view of the Commissioner of Police regarding this matter;

(4) what were the views of the District Superintendents at the time;

(5) did the latter bring to the Commissioner's notice the name and action of any officer which was deserving of such recognition;

(6) who was the officer so picked out and reported and what was the conspicuous act of gallantry and bravery that was referred to by the District Superintendents of Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) The Government have undertaken to make the payment of the allowances to which a recipient of the King's Police Medal is entitled and have direct-